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TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS

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FOR AMBASSADORS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS FROM EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: COUNTER TERRORISM IMPROVEMENTS TO OVERSEAS POSTS
INFORM CONSULS

1. SINCE THE INITIAL COUNTER TERRORISM SUPPLEMENTAL APPRO-
PRIATION OF 1974, WE HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN
UPGRADING OUR DEFENSES AGAINST TERRORISM AT ALL OF OUR
OVERSEAS POSTS. WE HAVE HAD THE COOPERATION AND FULL
SUPPORT OF CONGRESS AND OMB IN FUNDING THESE PROJECTS AND I
THINK WE CAN TAKE SOME PRIDE IN SAYING THAT THE OVERSEAS
ENVIRONMENT IS SUBSTANTIALLY SAFER FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S
EMPLOYEES, DEPENDENTS, AND OTHER AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES.

2. I KNOW THAT YOU SHARE MY DESIRE THAT OUR COUNTER TERR-
ORIST DEFENSES REMAIN AT PEAK EFFECTIVENESS. YOU WILL BE
INTERESTED TO KNOW THAT, FAR FROM PREDICTING A DECLINE IN
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TERRORIST ACTIVITIES, RECENT STUDIES HAVE CONCLUDED THAT THE

LEVEL OF TERRORISM DIRECTED AGAINST U.S. PERSONNEL AND INSTALLATIONS WILL REMAIN CONSTANT AND POSSIBLY INCREASE - HARDLY A TIME TO RELAX OUR VIGILANCE.

3. TO ENSURE THAT THE DETERRENTS AND DEFENSES THAT WE HAVE ESTABLISHED REMAIN IN-PLACE THROUGH SUCCESSIONS OF AMBASSADORS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT PRIOR TO

ANY ALTERATION IN THE PHYSICAL SECURITY DEFENSES OF OUR MISSIONS, DEPARTMENTAL APPROVAL BE OBTAINED FOR THE CHANGE. SUCH PROPOSALS FOR CHANGE SHOULD BE CAREFULLY DETAILED; THEY SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE DRAWINGS; AND SHOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE REGIONAL SECURITY OFFICER'S COMMENTS. THE DEPARTMENT WILL CAREFULLY REVIEW EACH RECOMMENDED CHANGE AND CABLE CONCURRENCE OR DISAPPROVAL TO THE POST. KISSINGER

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